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The Honorable Lori Saldaña  
Assemblywoman, Seventy Sixth District  
PO Box 942849  
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Dear Assemblywoman Saldaña:

I am writing on behalf of the Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee (IMRC) to express our support for Assembly Bill 218 (AB218). The bill implements a recommendation made by IMRC in its 2006 report on Smog Check.

If AB218 becomes law, motorists will be required to meet the same deadline for the biennial Smog Check inspections as currently required for vehicle registration renewals by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This bill closes a loophole by requiring that Smog Check inspections be completed in a timely manner in conjunction with the registration renewal process.

The current program allows motorists to delay the Smog Check inspection for months after they have paid for the DMV renewal fees with no penalty whatsoever. As a result, high polluting vehicles continue to be driven on California roadways spewing noxious emissions beyond their registration deadline.

Implementation of AB218 will reduce emissions of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen by 1 to 2 tons per day. In addition, providing the motorist complies with the requirements of the law, it will do so at no additional cost to the motorist.

As always, we look forward to working with the Legislature on this bill. Should you make any changes to the bill, we will reassess the bill as amended. Our endorsement applies to the bill as introduced. If we can assist you or your staff as this bill progresses through the Legislature, please contact our Executive Officer, Rocky Carlisle at (916) 322-8249.

Thank you for your efforts to help clean the air and improve the environment for all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judith Lamare'.

Judith Lamare  
Acting Chair